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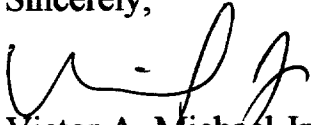
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Dear Ms. Salas,

Enclosed is an original and four copies of a Petition for Rule Making to amend the FM table of allotments for a new FM broadcast station for Alberton, Montana.

Sincerely,



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Before the
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In the matter of:

Amendment of Section 73.202 (b)

Table of Allotments

FM Broadcast Stations

(Alberton, Montana)

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PETITION FOR RULE MAKING

In this petition, Mountain West Broadcasting is hereby requesting to allot channel 294C3 (106.7 Mhz) to Alberton, Montana as its first local FM allotment.

INTRODUCTION

1. This statement is a petition for rule making to allot FM channel 294C3 (106.7 Mhz) to Alberton and add it to the Commission's FM table of allotments, 73.202. The following will show the need for an FM channel and the effects the allotment of Channel 294C3 to Alberton will have.

DISCUSSION

2. Alberton is located in western Montana. It is also located within Mineral County, a county of some 3,315 persons. Alberton has a population of 354 persons in accordance with the U.S. 1990 census.

3. The allotment of channel 294C3 to Alberton will provide the first local broadcast facility to the community and/or the surrounding area. The closest FM allotment to Alberton is located at Superior, Montana. Superior is located 37 kilometers from Alberton.

It is obvious that from the above spacing that Alberton is presently without local FM service.

4. Alberton would greatly benefit from an FM allotment due to the fact there is no AM or FM broadcast facilities within 37 Kilometers of Alberton. Because of this, it would have an outlet for local self expression. Health and safety for the community would be increased due to having a local communications outlet for warning the Alberton area of emergency conditions caused by severe weather or other health hazards.

5. Channel 294C3 can be allotted to Alberton and meet all rules and requirements of the Commission. The instant proposal will not cause a change in the channel number or a deletion of any channel now appearing in the Commission's table of allotments 73.202.

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Alberton, Montana	-----	294C3

6. In accordance with 73.207 of the Commission's rules, "Minimum Distance Separations between Stations", all allotments on Channel 294C3 and the pertinent adjacent channels to 294C3 have been studied with the results listed in Figure 1 of this petition. The geographic coordinates used for the spacing

Study (N 47 - 00' - 03", W. 114 - 28' - 58") are that of a site located within the community of Alberton. No site restriction will be required to allot channel 294C3 to Alberton. Many suitable transmitter sites are available to provide city grade coverage (3.16 mv/m or 70 dbu) to the entire community of Alberton. These sites would also provide full minimum spacing requirements to other allotments.

CONCLUSION

7. It has been shown that Alberton would benefit from the allotment of channel 294C3. It has also been shown that channel 294C3 can be allotted to Alberton and meet all rules regarding spacing from other stations. Considering these two facts, Mountain West Broadcasting hereby requests that the Federal Communications Commission institute a Rule Making proceeding to amend the Table of Allotments to include channel 294C3 for Alberton, Montana , 73.202.

8. Should channel 294C3 be allotted to Alberton, I certify that I will file an application for a Construction Permit to operate an FM station for Alberton, Montana.

CERTIFICATION

9. I certify that I have prepared or directly supervised the preparation of this entire Petition for Rule Making, and that the facts contained within are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, accurate and true.

Dated: March 1, 1999

Respectfully submitted,



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MAPFM search of channel 294C3 (106.7 MHz), at N. 47 0 3, W. 114 28 58.

Searching Channel 294C3 (106.7 MHz):

CALL	CITY	ST	CHN	CL	S	DIST	SEPN	BRNG	CLEARANCE
ALC	Hamilton	MT	240	C3	U	87.8	14.0	167.5°	73.8
KBMG	Hamilton	MT	240	C3	D	87.8	14.0	167.5°	73.8
KBMG	Hamilton	MT	240	C3	L	87.8	14.0	167.5°	73.8
ALC	Kalispell	MT	292	C	U	129.9	96.0	7.6°	33.9
KDBR	Kalispell	MT	292	C	L	168.2	96.0	2.9°	72.2
NEW	McCall	ID	294	C2	A	255.5	177.0	210.0°	78.5
ALC	Lewiston	ID	295	C	U	204.4	176.0	252.9°	28.4
KMOK	Lewiston	ID	295	C	L	204.4	176.0	252.9°	28.4

FIGURE 1
ALBERTON, MONTANA
MOUNTAIN WEST BROADCASTING